

## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	EP 0 442 446 A (NISSAN MOTOR CO., LTD) 21 August 1991 (1991-08-21) the whole document -----	1
A	FR 2 603 529 A (PEUGEOT AUTOMOBILES; CITROEN) 11 March 1988 (1988-03-11) the whole document -----	1

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1. claims: 1-19

A connectable four-wheel drive vehicle comprising two main drive wheels connected permanently and two secondary drive wheels selectively connectable wherein the connectable drive system comprises a second clutch which, is connected mechanically to the drive shaft upstream from the gearbox.

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2. claim: 20

A connectable four-wheel drive vehicle having a drive shaft and front and rear wheels wherein the drive shaft is connected on one side to the front wheels and on the other side to the rear wheels.

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